



#### FY2012 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JSD)

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NOUAKCHOTT IS HOLDING AN OPEN COMPETITION TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED MAURITANIAN STUDENTS FOR THE 2012 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPEMNT PROGRAM (JSD). INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION FORM TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT, ATTENTION BABALY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 10, 2011 AT 12:00.

PRE-APPLICATION FORM ARE AVAILABLE AT THE AMERICAN CORNER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOUAKCHOTT OR AT THE RECEPTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THE JSD IS THE LARGEST FULBRIGHT PROGRAM WITH AFRICA, DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO STRENGTHEN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES THROUGH HIGHER DEGREE TRAINING.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR DEGREE STUDY WILL BE FUNDED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS. ALL AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE J.WILLIAM FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP BOARD (FSB), AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC PLACEMENT.

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SELECTED TO PASS THE TOEFL TEST AFTER SUBMITTING A PRE-APPLICATION FORM.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THOSE WHO MEET THE MINIMUM SCORE ON REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FULBRIGHT ONLINE APPLICATION WEBSITE.

#### I. SELECTION CRITERIA

##### A. NOMINEES MUST BE CITIZENS OR NATIONALS OF MAURITANIA

B. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THE EQUIVALENT OF 4 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY STUDY AND THE EQUIVALENT OF A U.S. BACHELOR'S DEGREE TO APPLY FOR THE MASTER OR A 6 YEARS UNIVERSITY STUDY AND THE EQUIVALENT OF A U.S. MASTER'S DEGREE TO APPLY FOR A DOCTORATE.

C. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TO ENABLE THEM TO REALISTICALLY ACCOMPLISH FULL-TIME GRADUATE LEVEL STUDY IN THE U.S.

##### D. NOMINEES MUST MEET THE MINIMUM SCORE ON REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTS.

1. THE TOEFL IS REQUIRED OF ALL NOMINEES AND MUST BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED TO IIE. A MINIMUM TOEFL RESULT IS USUALLY 550 ON PAPER-BASED TESTS AND 80 ON IBT FOR MASTER'S CANDIDATES AND 600 ON PAPER BASED TEST OR 100 ON IBT FOR PH.D. CANDIDATES; HOWEVER, THIS VARIES BY FIELD OF STUDY.
2. THE GRE IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE SEEKING ADMISSION IN ALL FIELDS EXCEPT LAW AND BUSINESS. A SCORE OF AT LEAST 1000 ON THE COMBINED VERBAL AND QUANTITATIVE SECTION IS USUALLY REQUIRED;
3. THE GMAT IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE IN THE FIELDS OF BUSINESS IN LIEU OF THE GRE. A MINIMUM 550 GMAT SCORE IS REQUIRED FOR MASTER'S CANDIDATES AND A MINIMUM SCORE OF 600 IS REQUIRED FOR PHD CANDIDATES. IIE CANNOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT A SUFFICIENT GMAT SCORE;

E. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE A HIGH MOTIVATION AND A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO COMPLETING THE PROGRAM AS SCHEDULED AND TO RETURNING HOME.

F. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO NOMINEES WHO HAVE NOT HAD EXTENSIVE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

H. NO APPLICANT SHALL RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM GRANT. THIS APPLIES TO HUMPHREY SCHOLAR ALUMNI. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM.

H. LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. MISSIONS ABROAD WHO WORK FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARE INELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

## II. DEGREE OBJECTIVE

AWARDS ARE GRANTED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 TO 2 YEARS OF STUDY TOWARDS ONE DEGREE ONLY- MASTER'S OR PH.D. ( ELIGIBLE GRANTEES MAY APPLY FOR ONE RENEWAL GRANT); OR
- PARTICIPATION IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR (9-10 MONTHS) NON DEGREE RESEARCH PROGRAM. (GRANTS ARE NOT RENEWABLE)

IN THE VISITING STUDENT PROGRAM, THE TERMS "RENEWAL" AND "EXTENSION" HAVE QUITE DISTINCT USAGES. RENEWAL GRANTS PROVIDE A *CONTINUATION OF FULBRIGHT FUNDING* FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS TO CONTINUE IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM.

AN EXTENSION ALLOWS THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE AN AUTHORIZED PROGRAM WITH *FUNDING FROM NON-FULBRIGHT SOURCES*

## III. GRANT BENEFITS

A. A LIST OF BENEFITS WHICH FULLY-FUNDED GRANTEES MAY RECEIVE FOLLOWS. BENEFITS VARY ACCORDING TO EACH GRANTEE'S PROGRAM. EXACT GRANT BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED IN DETAIL IN EACH GRANTEE'S TERMS OF APPOINTMENT (TOA).

1. TRAVEL FROM THE GRANTEE'S HOME TO THE AUTHORIZED U.S. DESTINATION, IN-TRANSIT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE
2. SETTLING-IN ALLOWANCE UPON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.
3. SUMMER PRE-ACADEMIC ORIENTATION PROGRAM
4. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE
5. TUITION AND FEES
6. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
7. BOOK ALLOWANCE (SPECIFIC AMOUNT)
8. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND AIR FARE FROM THE U.S. TO THE GRANTEE'S HOME AT THE END OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE JOIN THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISING SESSION AT THE US EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT EVERY SUNDAY FROM 15:30 TO 17:00 OR EVERY TUESDAY AT THE AMERICAN CORNER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOUAKCHOTT FROM 10:00 TO 12:00.